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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

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**PROPOSED ORDER REGARDING DISPOSITIVE/DAUBERT MOTIONS
IN FIRST GROUP OF CASES TO BE REMANDED**

The following shall modify the procedures and deadlines set forth in CMO-20 for filing dispositive and *Daubert* motions in the First Group of Cases to be Remanded.

- a. For cases being remanded to the **Eastern District of Arkansas**, the parties should carefully review the Court's December 9, 2009, Memorandum and Order, which ruled on dispositive and *Daubert* motions filed in the Second Bellwether Trial (which involved Arkansas and Mississippi Plaintiffs)(D.I. 2075), and focus their briefing on issues not addressed by that ruling. The Court is not precluding the parties from raising issues the Court already addressed in that ruling, but only new or supplemental points on those issues should be included. **The briefing scheduling** for dispositive *Daubert* motions in these cases **shall remain the same as set forth in CMO-20 (June 11, 2010** for the motions, **July 1, 2010** for briefs in opposition and **July 11, 2010** for reply briefs.)
- b. For cases to be remanded to the **Western District of Louisiana**, any motions for summary judgment or motions to exclude or limit testimony under *Daubert* or for any other reason must be filed **no later than 30 days after the date the Court issues its rulings on such motions filed in the Fourth Bellwether trial**, which

involves Louisiana Producer Plaintiffs. Given that the trial date for that trial is June 21, 2010, the Court anticipates that it will rule on *Daubert* and dispositive motions before that date. Briefs in opposition must be filed **no later than three weeks after the due date for the motions**, and replies must be filed **no later than two weeks thereafter**. The parties are likewise encouraged to review carefully the Court's rulings in the Fourth Bellwether Trial and avoid repetitive arguments that are addressed in the Court's rulings.

- c. For cases being remanded to the **Southern District of Texas**, any motions for summary judgment or motions to exclude or limit testimony under *Daubert* or for any other reason must be filed **no later than 30 days after the date the Court issues its rulings on such motions in the Fifth Bellwether Trial**, which involves Texas Producer Plaintiffs. Those motions should be ruled upon by the end of September, 2010 as the trial is tentatively scheduled to begin in October 2010. Briefs in opposition must be filed **no later than three weeks after the due date for the motions**, and replies must be filed **no later than two weeks thereafter**. The parties are likewise encouraged to review carefully the Court's rulings in the Fifth Bellwether Trial and avoid repetitive arguments that are addressed in the Court's ruling.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I have this 4th day of March, 2010, electronically filed a copy of the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court to be served by operation of the Court's electronic filing system upon the parties of record.

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